

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES

Date: November 18, 2010

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Sandra Cummings, Steve DiCapua, Alicia Clapp, Carole Franceschet, James Hogan, Bert Mozealous, Wesley O'Brien, Bryan Bogen, and Patricia K. Brozek, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Anita Anderson was absent and Alicia Clapp left the meeting prior to the meeting being called to order.

Meeting called to order by Sandra Cummings at 7:30 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2010

Motion: to approve the Minutes of October 14, 2010

Approved

MOVED: James Hogan
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Budgets:

- a. 2010-2011 Budget
- b. State and Federal Funds
- c. Extra-Curricular Activities

Moved: to accept budget reports and place them on file

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet
SECOND: James Hogan
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN:

3. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operation

1. Approval of Board of Education Defined Contribution Plan

Moved: to approve the Board of Education Defined Contribution Plan

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet

SECOND: James Hogan

AYE: 8

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN:

Mr. DiCapua stated that Finance and Operations met tonight and discussed the status of the existing budget and stated they are watching the Special Education area, as they do this time every year. He stated we have had a couple of additional out placed students that have moved the numbers up from 49 to 51. Mr. DiCapua stated there is some concern about the reimbursement from the State on the Excess cost reimbursements. He stated that the oil contract has been locked in at \$2.34/gal. and that we have a smaller oil bill this year because 2 schools moved to gas. Mr. DiCapua reported that we were able to add a second reading as a second language teacher and a reading consultant with the stimulus money this year, which fit into our goals and expectations from last year. He stated they are one year positions.

Mr. DiCapua reported a gift from the Green Acres Elementary School PTA. They have purchased an entrance way mat and a document imager and projector for the school. The Board thanks Green Acres PTA.

b. Personnel

1. Approval of Winter Coaches (enc.)

Moved: the approval of winter coaches

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp

SECOND: Carole Franceschet

AYE: 8

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN:

2. Approval of extended family leave for Laurie Bankowski, kindergarten teacher at Ridge Road Elementary School

Moved: to approve the extended family leave for Laurie Bankowski, kindergarten teacher at Ridge Road Elementary School

Approved

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua

SECOND: Carole Franceschet

AYE: 8

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN:

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Franceschet reported that Curriculum, Instruction and Planning met November 1, 2010. She stated that Ann Cappetta, district facilitator for TEAM shared the three year plan for the North Haven School District. She reported they looked at the 2010-2011 feedback plan from the State and we are right on track. She stated that Barbara Peck, our Curriculum Consultant presented the outline for teachers at the district Professional Development Day, and explained what each teacher would be doing. Mrs. Peck also put together an Assessment Brochure for parents, explaining which assessments were used and when as well as how students scored. Those brochures were to be shared at parent conferences.

4. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported the Directors spoke of the New Haven Promise Plan that will provide New Haven students with tuition, in collaboration with Yale University. This will provide free tuition for New Haven residents going to school in New Haven, if they qualify. They are still ironing out the specifics with regards to students attending Magnet Schools in New Haven. Mrs. Clapp stated that ACES had their Professional Development Day. She reported that they approved the Administrator's Contract. Mrs. Clapp stated they have been without a contract since last June. Mrs. Clapp reported with this new contract they will start paying 16% the first year, 17.5% the second year and 19% third year.

5. North Haven PTA Council

PTA Council will meet on Monday, November 22, 2010

6. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported:

- Welcomed teachers and administrators from our sister school in China. They have been visiting all of elementary schools this whole week. Students from China have been hosted and staying with North Haven families while visiting.
- NHHS blood drive was successful
- NHHS teacher June Sturtz organized a holiday fundraiser including students baking pies for families in need.
- Auditions have concluded for Guys and Dolls, which will be presented on February 3, 4, and 7, 2011
- Homecoming dance is Friday
- Teams making State and/or conference tournaments: volleyball, boys/girls soccer, field hockey.
- Football team having a great season (8-1)
- Montowese School had their Annual Veterans Luncheon
- Teachers have been trained in using and analyzing data to improve student performance
- Montowese School has been chosen to receive \$2,500.00 from Big Lots in honor of their grand opening this week
- Montowese conducted their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for Community Services Food Pantry
- Clintonville Elementary School third graders visited the North Haven Historical Society and the Martha Culver House
- Clintonville School held their annual Fall Festival on October 29th.
- Rotary Club came to Clintonville on October 26th and gave each third grade student a dictionary

- On November 9, 2010 Clintonville staff and students celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Clintonville School
- Clintonville PTA sponsored a Book Fair
- Clintonville School is collecting food for the town food bank and gently used winter coats.
- Green Acres Elementary School raised over \$1,800.00 for UNICEF
- Green Acres Elementary School celebrated Hero Day in honor of Veterans
- Green Acres 5th grade students are learning about other countries and shared the information with parents and other students during the Taste of the World
- Green Acres school data teams began Response to Intervention Blocks with the focus providing 30 minutes of instruction each day to meet the targeted needs of our students.
- North Haven Education Foundation Luminaries Project, which is a fundraiser going on now through December 5 2010. Luminaries will be displayed on the North Haven Green the night of the Tree Lighting.

7. Public Comments

- Jenny Caldwell stated that she feels there are inequities with the Administrators in the North Haven Public Schools with regards to the bus issues she has been having with her son's bus stop on Washington Avenue. She also feels there is a lack of partnership with school administrators and the Board of Education with parents of North Haven. Mrs. Caldwell is in the process of an appeal process.
- Kathy Grant commented on transportation issues she had last year with regards to her child's bus stop being moved. She also went through the appeals process and lost.
- Linda Ackrey wanted to know what was going to be done to resolve these issues.

8. Executive Session: if needed

9. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
 SECOND: Carole Franceschet
 AYE: 8
 NAY: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cummings
 Chairman